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Bomb found after threats, evacuation

By Cinde Chorness

A series of telephoned bomb threats to the SJSU campus early yesterday morning resulted in the evacuation of three campus buildings and the discovery of a defunct "explosive device," the first bomb found on campus in at least 10 years, according to University Police.

The San Jose Police Bomb Squad was called in to search the buildings and discovered the bomb, which is now in the hands of the San Jose office of the FBI.

University Police say they have

no suspects at this time.

The search for the bomb was prompted by a call to University Police at 6:21 a.m. from a male in his early 20s, described by police as "calm, soft-spoken and polite" and with no accent.

Sgt. Lloyd Hohn discovered the bomb in a gray shoe box on the sixth floor of Duncan Hall near the north side stairwell.

Sgt. Bill Correll said the bomb was "well-constructed and fairly sophisticated, with a clock and powered by batteries. The explosive material did not ignite."

Had the bomb exploded, it would have harmed anyone near it,

University Police Chief Earnest Quinton said.

Police believe the same man made four other bomb threats.

He called police shortly after the bomb was discovered and asked if they had found it, adding he would call back to reveal another bomb location.

At about 8:13 a.m., he called police again saying a bomb was in the Old Science Building.

Police evacuated the building by 8:55.

After another search by the San Jose Police Bomb Squad, no device was found.

History Department secretary Cia Oropeza in Dudley Moorehead Hall said she received a call at 8:35 a.m. from a man who told her "the bomb will detonate at 9; remember, 9."

At first the secretary thought it was the University Police warning her of the previous bomb threats, but she realized it was another threat when the man refused to identify himself.

Oropeza called University Police who evacuated the building by 9 a.m. No bomb was found in the building.

A fifth call was made to

Biological Sciences secretary Tavia Fries in Duncan Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Police suspect it was the same man who called and told Fries "the bomb will detonate at 9:50 a.m. Please advise your personnel." The man repeated his message to Fries.

Fries described the caller as male, in his 30s with a soft-spoken, calm and polite manner.

Police evacuated Duncan Hall again and searched the building.

They discovered yet another shoe box in a locker, again on the sixth floor. This time it was empty.

Correll said students were kept out of the evacuated buildings for

about an hour to an hour and one-half.

"Judging from the calls, the suspect sounded like the same man," Correll said. "In each case, the calls came in 30 to 40 minutes before the supposed time of detonation."

The device found in Duncan Hall will be mailed to Washington, D.C. where it will be studied and analyzed, according to Special Agent and Public Affairs Officer Frank Perrone of the San Francisco office of the FBI.

Perrone said the device will be dissected to determine where the parts were purchased.



Marilyn Odello

A Heavenly snow job

This photo was not taken from the mountains in western Wyoming, but the slopes of California's own Heavenly Valley Ski Resort—2 years ago. This season, though suffering "spring skiing" conditions, Meteorologists promise a "better" season this year. Related stories inside.

A.S. President SJSU's 'young upstart' reflects 1960s

By Dave Murphy

A.S. President Steve Wright has been characterized as everything from a "radical" to a "character philosopher," but nothing quite compares to the description given by A.S. Adviser Louie Barozzi.

"He's a hipster—he uses a lot of hip language," said Barozzi, calling Wright a throwback to the student-activist era of the late 1960s. "He kind of effects a lifestyle that is more of that era than his own."

"He has the same lack of awe of administrators and other people of high status that they had in the '60s. He is quite forward—not at all afraid to speak out."

Barozzi said another example of Wright's attitude toward administrators is that the A.S. president calls many of them by their first names rather than by their titles.

"I'm sure he angers some administrators," Barozzi added. "He probably has the tendency to be seen as a brash young man—a young upstart."

Wright made his lack-of-awe attitude toward administrators, including SJSU President John Bunzel, obvious soon after he was elected in the spring.

"I don't look at Bunzel as being omnipresent," Wright said in an April interview. "I look at him as a man and I look at myself as a man."

"Just because he's the president of the university doesn't trip me out. My comments are just as valid as his."

Wright and Bunzel were able to work reasonably well together during the first few months of the A.S. president's term. Then, in October, the A.S. Council passed a resolution calling for Bunzel's resignation.

Wright supported it.

"At first I was very much opposed to that kind of a public call for his resignation," Wright said. But he changed his mind because he felt students have to speak "bluntly and audaciously" to be heard.

Although Wright says he and Bunzel still have a working relationship, he admitted the resolution did cause some ill feeling on Bunzel's part.

Bunzel refused to comment on the A.S. president.

Does Wright have any regrets about his



actions since taking office July 1?

Peering through glasses which made his eyes appear as big as half-dollars, he sat back and said, "Regrets? I've had a few..." as he gigglingly broke into an impromptu rendition of "My Way."

The 24-year-old then took a drag from his cigarette. He leaned forward, his thin face almost lost behind a mass of uncombed hair and a short goatee.

"I've seen some things I possibly could have done better," he said. "But I'm a person who doesn't dwell on past mistakes. I realize that anything that fits into the category of 'mistake' also fits into the category of 'the past.'"

Wright is also a person who doesn't dwell on the future. He said he makes his decisions at the last minute, so he's not sure what he'll do when he graduates from SJSU.

He plans to get a B.A. degree in May with a double major in journalism and political science. After that, Wright may try to get a master's degree.

Or he may try to see education from a different perspective by going into curriculum development or something involved with educational politics.

"Not that I have any aspirations for a public

office, but I think it would be exciting to work as a staff member for someone," Wright said.

Wright came to SJSU as a journalism student, and he became a reporter on the Spartan Daily in the fall of 1975. He was the newspaper's editor the following semester.

"He just matured tremendously while he was here," said Roger Budrow, one of the Daily's advisers. Budrow said Wright came to the Daily fresh from working at McDonald's and he still possessed the "jive chatter" that came from the job.

Budrow said the experience on the Daily sharpened Wright's interest in the campus and its politics.

Another Daily adviser, Bill Tillinghast, said Wright went to the student government while he was editor and asked for more money so the paper could publish every weekday. The Daily had been coming out only four days per week.

Wright got the extra money, and the paper has been on a five-day-a-week publication schedule ever since.

Tillinghast said an irony of the situation is that this year, under Wright's presidency, the Daily is receiving no money from the student government—even though the newspaper requested a \$33,050 subscription from the A.S. for this year.

After leaving the Daily, Wright became the A.S. public information officer for a year, which gave him a chance to see first-hand how the student government operated. From there he sprang to the presidency.

"Steve was much better prepared to be the president than James Ferguson was," said Barozzi, comparing Wright to last year's A.S. president. "He knew pretty much what the problems and issues were before he took the job."

In his involvement with student government, Wright has worked very hard to get things accomplished, according to A.S. Treasurer Maryanne Ryan.

"Steve is a person who will put his total energy behind something," she said. "He looks at everything in the positive—I guess that's where the drive comes from."

In April, Wright put his total energy behind one thing: getting elected. He spent hours upon hours walking the campus on election days to get students to vote for him.

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SJSU student charged with rape of nun

By Rick Cotta

An SJSU psychology student has been charged with the rapes of a Roman Catholic nun and an SJSU night student.

Francisco Loera Jr., 27, was charged Monday with nine felony counts, including two of rape, two of forced oral copulation, burglary, false imprisonment, sodomy, kidnapping and the use of a weapon in the commission of a felony.

If convicted of all the charges, Loera could face a lifetime in prison.

Loera was arraigned late Monday afternoon in the San Jose-Milpitas Municipal Court. Judge Lawrence F. Terry set bail at \$200,000 and continued the arraignment indefinitely, pending Loera's release from Valley Medical Center. Loera was not present at the arraignment, but was represented by an attorney from the Public Defender's office.

Loera is reported to be in satisfactory condition at Valley Medical Center, recovering from gunshot wounds he received during his apprehension.

No plea was entered at the arraignment.

Loera is charged with entering the St. Patrick's Convent, 83 N. Ninth St., on Nov. 9, and raping a 40-year-old nun. He was captured Dec. 1 while entering the same convent he allegedly used to enter the convent on Nov. 9.

On Nov. 21, an attempt was also made to enter the convent through the same window, though police did not publicize that incident in order to set up a stakeout.

Police reported that during the early morning hours of Dec. 1, officers Randy Cardin and Tim

Skalland heard a noise on the south side of the convent. The officers surprised Loera as he was entering the doorway through the window.

Officer Cardin yelled "Halt" and identified himself as an officer. Loera turned and attempted to dive back through the window, but was shot in the leg by Cardin and apprehended immediately afterwards.

Loera is also charged with the Nov. 7 rape of an SJSU night student. In that attack, a coed walking to her car at about 9:50 p.m. was grabbed from behind by a man with "a large knife" who threatened to cut her throat, according to San Jose Police.

The man then forced the victim to Horace Mann School and raped her.

San Jose Police say they are still investigating the Loera case and don't expect to finish for another two or three weeks, according to a police spokesman.

Police said last week they were also investigating the possibility that Loera was involved in the Oct. 4 rape of a sorority woman and the Oct. 29 rape of a woman in the Education Building.

Loera has not been charged, however, with either of those attacks.

Incidents of area rape have decreased since San Jose Police began operating decoy teams in the campus area on Nov. 1. Three men have been arrested while allegedly trying to assault female decoy officers since then.

There have been no other reported incidents of rape in the campus area since the decoy teams began operating.

SJSU prof a key to nuclear power

By John Weiland

The future of nuclear power in California may be determined by an SJSU engineering professor's report to be submitted to the state legislature in January.

Dr. Robert N. Anderson and his hand-picked staff, including SJSU engineering senior Maryanne Lauderdale, have gathered material for a "nuclear assessment" from all over the country, but won't release the findings until then.

They also plan to present an environmental impact report on nuclear reactors in general.

According to Anderson, he and his four-person staff, dubbed SNAIL for State Nuclear Assessment Investigation and Litigation, know more about the technology presently employed than the federal government, which regulates the industry.

Working under a grant from the state of California, SNAIL's findings will help the legislature implement three laws passed in 1976 regulating new reactors and their locations.

California is one of about 15 states to make laws limiting the building of new reactors, Anderson said.

In California, the Energy Resources, Conservation and Development Commission oversees new reactors and by law may not designate new sites until it has conducted a year-long study.

In addition, if there is no means of waste disposal, the reactor cannot be sited, Anderson said.

The federal government has some new regulations affecting proposed plants, too, Anderson said.

President Carter has decided separation of uranium and plutonium is nuclear proliferation (of weapons materials) and not to be conducted in the United States or facilitated by the United States abroad, he added.

There are non-proliferating techniques in existence however, he pointed out.

Anderson, who began studying nuclear power while in the Navy, patented a technique 10 years ago which is a non-proliferating process.

"I have been told Livermore (Laboratory) is going to do a hot test on my technique at the \$350,000 to \$400,000 level," he said.

He would prepare that study for them, he said.

SNAIL's project is a political volatile, according to Anderson.

"There is a political situation in that the state of California will be presenting its findings," he said. "There is a difference between a technical assessment and the assessment of the state."

One of the reasons for the political problems is the huge economic impact of nuclear power, Anderson said. One reactor costs about \$1 billion, he noted.

Both the pros and cons of nuclear power must be weighed, according to Anderson, who said he is "very objective" about it.

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FORUM

EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FOUND IN DUNCAN HALL: NEWS ITEM



Reign characterized by 'isolated aloofness'

Seven years of John Bunzel

By Mark Owens

In the late '60s, SJSU had produced John Carlos, Tommy Smith, Harry Edwards, a strong anti-war student body, and increased Third World hiring, admittance, and programs. Under Ronald Reagan and his politics of hatred this had to be suppressed.

SJSU had had an acting president for one year (Robert Burns). A search had narrowed many candidates for permanent president down to 10 or so. John Bunzel's name was nowhere on the list. But at San Francisco State University, S.I. Hayakawa and Bunzel (chairman of the political science department) gained media attention for their animosity to a student and faculty strike.

Bunzel, it seemed, might be useful in "quieting the campuses." He was hastily interviewed and appointed. Bunzel's appointment was a politically vindictive act by a Reagan-dominated board of trustees.

Why this invective against John

Bunzel? For seven years, SJSU has had a president who has ignored, ridiculed, and overridden the work of the university's faculty body, the Academic Senate, while centering power around himself.

Mark Owens is an SJSU Elementary Education graduate

He has termed and treated student government as "sandbox politics." Bunzel has appointed department heads against faculty votes and been party to purely political motives in hiring and firing. (See Spartan Daily, December '75, for Willis memo.) Personal fiat has ruled over departmental autonomy. Real campus issues and problems go untouched until they flare into crisis. Bunzel resists both the implementation and aims of affirmative action at SJSU.

Bunzel has been aloof, inaccessible and contemptuous of the campus community. His remarks

about promotions constantly imply a "mediocre" faculty. When students do concern Bunzel, the issue is "grade inflation" or our "illiteracy." Students here are "mediocre" too, presumably.

Besides all his talk about "excellence," Bunzel's one big initiative has been boosting football.

After seven years as president, a poll of tenured faculty shows widespread demoralization and focuses on the quality of Bunzel's presidency. Student government leaders have unanimously called for Bunzel's resignation. City leaders consider Bunzel a block to resolving campus-community problems. Were Bunzel to apply his shop-worn criterion of "excellence" to his own performance, he would gracefully resign.

Lacking "excellence" in his own performance, from what vantage point does Bunzel condemn all this "mediocrity" at SJSU? From isolated aloofness, golfing with V.I.P.s, socializing with the rich, and pontificating in his Mercury

column supplied by the Ridder newspaper dynasty.

But SJSU is a working class school. Most students study here to qualify for decent jobs. Some wish to escape the worst aspects of our society, some hope to change them through their work. The faculty is a teaching faculty. They teach a full load.

If that is below Bunzel, if that's "mediocre," then we would be the last people wanting to hold him back! It's been seven long years. Surely some "prestigious" school must need a president by now. Or some political office must be available for someone so cherished by his present constituents!

For six years we had a national president with remarkably similar characteristics. When that bubble burst, we were showered with a most distasteful spray. The situation here won't improve with time either. It will get worse until it comes to a head. The movement to replace Bunzel must continue until it succeeds.

Rape: crime of lasting stigma

By Barbara Cockerham
"A Cry of Rape."

It is an issue that many of us have become familiar with around the SJSU campus. Rape is a complex matter that must be dealt with - not by placing the blame on exaggerated media coverage or certain individuals, but by finding a cure to the problem.

To most women who have been physically assaulted by an individual, rape is next to murder. Not only is her pride injured, but the stigma of being raped will remain with her the rest of her life. It's like fighting a losing battle.

The increasing rate of rapes and attempted rapes prove only one thing: our judicial system needs to be revised to protect those that are subjected to this violent crime.

Barbara Cockerham is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

I find it ironic that SJSU President John Bunzel believes the rape coverage has been overplayed. Considering the degree of importance of the issue, and the effect it has upon SJSU female students, everyone is entitled to know what's going on.

By saying that the majority of these incidents occur off campus, Bunzel is implying that the university is not responsible. However, students are the foundation for which the university exists and if the system is to maintain a stable enrollment, their safety must be ensured.

The campus area has always been a prime target for crime, and administrators and city officials should stop shifting the blame elsewhere and deal with the issue.

Whether walking alone or not, the thought of rape still has a chilling impact. Being together in groups at

night is a good suggestion, but not a solution.

Until the problem is resolved, students will continue to live in fear. One SJSU coed stated, "It's like living in a revolving door. Everywhere you go, you're living in fear, always turning your head, looking behind you. It's more than a crime because it's an assault upon a part of your body that can never be erased."

Although this is an opinion of one female student on campus, many of them are experiencing the same grief, and the same fear of being the next victim.

BLACK TEEN-AGERS 40% UNEMPLOYED. -NEWS ITEM



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Letters

'Greek life'

Editor:

I would suggest that, to obtain a complete view of "Greek life," Mark Rosenberg spend some time next door to the houses.

He would soon find that the "sparkle" and "comraderie" (sic) change as they go out the door to rudeness, rampant adolescence, and an overwhelming lack of concern for the other person - any other person.

Verbal abuse, hot-rodding, full-volume "music" throughout the night - any night - are but a few forms I have seen the Greeks use to "exhibit their pride in the fraternity."

While I have no quarrel with your giving coverage to the fraternities, this unquestioning approach to a subject which certainly has more than one facet presents a decidedly (and, of course, naively favorable) view which properly belongs on the opinion page.

Stephen Moore
San Jose

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Editor:

I look with amazement at the space devoted to Greek letter organizations. They were at their prime at the beginning of the 20th Century, when I was a student at the University of Washington. I supposed they had died since then.

I have been a guest in the home of Nobel Prize winner Halldor Laxness, father of American realism; Theodore Dreiser, British orthopedic surgeon who attends the royal family; W.E. Tucker; Admiral Leslie A. Kniskern; Vice-Admiral Charles A. Lockwood; Aldous Huxley; Carlos Fuentes; Rabbi Lee J. Levinger; W.A. Swanberg; Cedric Belfrage; Sally Belfrage; and Frank Scully, to name a few.

I have been provided a personal escort, when visiting libraries on four continents, because of my letters of introduction from Upton Sinclair and California librarians. I found myself circled by professors, at the library of the University of Indiana, being served with cake and coffee. "She was there at the unveiling," the librarian said to them, referring to the portrait of Theodore Dreiser, hanging at the landing on the stairway. Professor Wallace E. Williams gave a party in my honor that night.

Never, among the interesting people I have known and loved, around the world, did I ever hear mentioned a Greek letter organization, until I said to Stokely Carmichael, "I did not know you were a Phi Beta Kappa." (A front page news story had said that he was). "I'm not," Stokely replied. "I turned it down. I do not believe in such organizations."

Lorna D. Smith
San Jose

Punk rock

Editor:

Like other critics, Corky Dick feels punk rock can be discredited by aiming at anything about the subject, but speaking little of its music.

Sounding like a parent of the '60s, he would convince us the music is worthless by intimating its players and listeners are freaks. His smug details of the dress, habits and lifestyles of the punks are paraded before us as if to say: I will not understand or explain it, but let me describe it and it will look silly.

The description of any subject, without sympathy for it, can make it appear ludicrous.

But the heart of the movement is the music that Dick calls garbage, but fails to explain why. I have never understood what varied chording, dynamics and form have to do with "good music;" structuring is a technique of art, not a definition. Three chords make up basic 12-bar blues, a musical form extending through Elvis Presley, Woody Guthrie, Hank Williams and into the roots of jazz.

To ignore such "basic" structures would be to cut the heart out of American music. As for the too-tired argument of loud music and muffled lyrics, I thought rock music had long, long ago won its right to express its energy on its own terms and not those of pop, classical or jazz.

Dick informs us that "people who are following punk don't care about the music," and that "knowledgeable critics" are passing this "fad" by. Firstly, I am always amazed by enlightened people who can inform those of us who spend time and money on our interests that we really don't like them.

Secondly, I suggest Dick turn his eyes from "Psychology Today" and read the words of such punk rock defenders as Mick Jagger, Pete

Townshend, Rolling Stone, Melody Maker, and such critics as Dave Marsh and Lester Bangs. His hubristic tone notwithstanding, Dick's declaration of punk rock's temporary status smacks of ethnocentric discomfort: methinks he protests too much.

Please leave criticism to those who have the time and inclination to guarantee something more than a superficial analysis. In the words of that famed punk of the '60s: Bob Dylan, "Don't criticize what you can't understand."

Jeff House
English Graduate

Dorm evictions

Editor:

Thanksgiving - a happy time? Not for some, such as myself, who were forced out of their dormitory rooms because the housing office decided we needed a "vacation."

What if I'd rather stay home, instead of bouncing from friend's house to friend's house like I wind up having to do because I don't like imposing on someone during their holiday? Not everyone has a "mommy and daddy" to trot home to during housing office "vacation." My dad is in Texas, and even if he were closer, I would greatly resent the idea of having to hit him up for a place to stay.

I rented the dorm room with the purpose in mind of having a place to live during the school year. I fully accept the condition of not being able to stay before and after the dorms open and close, but in the middle of the semester, too? I can't think of a single apartment building that would dare include such a ridiculous stipulation in its rental contract.

The housing office solution for students in situations like mine is for us to take a room in either Hoover or Washburn Halls (the only two that stay open for vacations) for the imposed break. I tried to book a room in both two weeks before Nov. 23; they had been filled long before that time.

When I asked the head resident of my hall why no exceptions were made under any circumstances to allow students with schedule problems (namely me) to stay an extra night in their rooms the reply was, "because it's policy."

Blind, unfeeling policy like this is what got countless elderly people thrown out in the street in the name of "progress" in the Yerba Buena District of San Francisco.

The fact that both Hoover and Washburn Halls were filled to capacity indicates that I was not alone in my dilemma.

I suggest to Housing Director Cordell Koland that people wishing to live in a year-round dormitory be billed for the Christmas break as well as Thanksgiving and Easter in advance, with their regular dorm fee for the time the other dorms close.

This would discourage residents from living in an all-year dorm when they have no intention of staying over those breaks.

Students with a genuine need to stay, like myself, would be glad to insure in advance a place to live over these holidays.

Kevin Fagan
Journalism Junior

Black Awareness

Editor:

After reading Mr. Vratari's letter to the editor Nov. 15, I find myself compelled to respond. I doubt Vratari knows anything about the process of getting A.S. funding. First of all, a group must go through special allocations. This committee recommends to council what a group should receive or not receive. After special allocations, a group goes in front of council for interrogation about its request.

Vratari should go to Black Awareness Month next year to make himself aware that there are some 1,100 black students on campus (by the way, they also pay student body fees).

In reply to the other minor points raised by Vratari, the reason the Black Awareness program is a month is because it is very hard to schedule entertainment or speakers for a particular week. This process maximizes the exposure and scheduling in such a way that students can arrange their personal schedules to attend these events.

In response to his last point, the original allocation was vetoed by the A.S. president.

Black Awareness Month is a traditional event, and a program designed to attack narrow and simple minds like Vratari's. Finally, I also will be painfully aware of this semester's expenditures, for I know that Vratari might want to organize Bigots Unawareness Week.

Al Jones
A.S. Public Information Officer

Toad the Mime



The A.S. Program Board will present Toad the Mime in concert at noon tomorrow in the upper pad of the Student Union. The free performance is part of the Fantasy Faire activities.

On Thursday, Toad will be offering a master class on "The Art of Mime" in the S.U. Loma Prieta Room. Two classes will be offered. The first class will run from 2 to 5 p.m. and the second class will run from 7 to 10 p.m. The fee

for the master class will be \$2 to cover makeup and related materials.

In Toad's roles, she observes and uses the scenes around her. By making her performance a part of the environment, she delights her audiences by reading people's bodies and then making them part of her improvisations.

Toad has been seen frequently on TV, including the new "Laugh-In" series.

SPARTAGUIDE

The Chicano Sports Association will meet for the first time at 5 p.m. today in the S.U. Pacheco Room. All interested chicanos and chicanas are urged to attend.

The SJSU Sierra Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the S.U. Almaden Room.

Ham Radio fans are invited to the first meeting of the SJSU Amateur Radio Club at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the S.U. Costanoan Room.

The Home Economics Club is sponsoring a "Cookie Exchange" for all members at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow in Room 115 of the Home Economics Building. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

First time for process

New Daily editor chosen



Linda Zavoral

Journalism junior Linda Zavoral has been selected editor of the Spartan Daily for the spring semester.

Dennis Brown, Journalism Department chairman, announced the decision Friday after an editorial selection committee, made up of four faculty and three student representatives, voted 6-1 for Zavoral over Rick Cotta.

Earlier in the week, the Spartan Daily staff had voted in favor of Cotta, 19-13, and current editor Tony Bizjak announced this result before the selection committee.

The vote by the selection committee marked the first time the winner of the staff vote hadn't been selected for editor, although the staff vote had never been an official part of the process.

This is the first semester the seven-person selection committee has been in existence.

Previously, the three top candidates of the student poll went in front of a journalism faculty board for a vote, and then went to the Communications Board, made up of students, faculty and administrators outside the Journalism Department.

Then SJSU President John Bunzel made the final selection using the previous votes as the primary criterion.

"The process was a rubber stamp of the student vote," Bizjak said.

Zavoral came to SJSU in the fall of 1975 after graduating from La Sierra High School in Carmichael, a suburb of Sacramento, the previous spring.

She served as editor of The Branding Iron, her high school's newspaper, for two years.

Flashback

On this date in:

1970: SJS librarian Robert Duman was recommended for tenure by the chancellor's review committee. What ensued was a two-year court battle which Duman won to establish his tenure. Last semester, Duman was back in court, this time about his promotion. He won again.

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Law hopefuls endure exam

Admission test called 'nuts'

By Jan Greben

The day began early for many aspiring legal eagles last Saturday.

For most perhaps, the first ray of light signalling a new day was the only alarm clock needed for arousal from a restless sleep.

The ominous ordeal of the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) awaited them.

The LSAT, a four-hour objective exam which includes sections on business aptitude, logic, law, math, and English grammar, is, for most law schools, a prime determinant of whether an applicant is accorded the dubious honor of studying law.

For the student, it is D-Day.

"This is nuts," said a disgruntled UC-Santa Cruz student as he wearily lumbered into a building at the University of Santa Clara, one of the Bay Area colleges administering the exam, which was scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

"I mean, I had to get up at 6:30 to get here on time," he continued. "I'm half-dead, and this thing is all-important to my future."

A University of Santa Clara undergraduate, John Levine, overheard the complainer.

"You're right," Levine concurred. "I really don't understand why a half-day exam counts as much as your entire college record."

Nevertheless, the two joined the other test-takers.

You see, there has been no alternative yet devised to the LSAT. Until one is, such criticisms of the LSAT as the ones mentioned by the students and the question of how culturally biased the test is will continue to be ignored by law school admission committees.

"We have no choice," said an official at the University of San Francisco Law School. "We couldn't just go on grades and recommendations. Too many students would qualify."

This is, indeed, a significant issue confronting law schools. In the last 10 years alone, the number of law school applicants has jumped tenfold from 40,000 to 400,000.

Given the staggering implications of the LSAT to their future, the mood in the examination rooms at Santa Clara was one of high tension.

Students sat quietly while the tests were being distributed. Many nervously fingered their No. 2 pencils or closely examined the wood paneling of their desk.

Besides the predictable tense atmosphere, an air of competition was also evident.

"Hell, yes," said SJSU student Arlene Ramirez, who was frowning at her desk. "I know that anybody in this room is a rival for

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admission to any place I apply. I'm not wishing anyone well, to put it lightly."

All conversation ceased as the proctor, a law student herself, quietly and almost empathetically explained the procedures of the test.

Ten seconds after her concluding word, the test, or race, was on. The LSAT is geared toward speed as well as knowledge. Many sections, such as the math group, allow only a cursory check of the questions if the student endeavors to complete all the problems.

Still, during the first two-hour segment of the exam, most of the test-takers sailed confidently through the questions, with some

smug ones openly displaying their disdain of the test's supposed difficulty.

At the 10-minute break, however, it was a whole different story, as students realized just how mentally fatigued they were.

"So far, I've got into the test really well," said Jack Maloney, a student turned bartender who was taking the LSAT "to see how qualified I am after all."

"But when you stop for a minute like we have now to catch our breath, it all hits you. I've been racking my brain for two hours now with no break. And, Jesus, I've got two more hours to go. I don't know about this."

Maloney proved to be an accurate soothsayer not only for himself, but for a large number of others.

During the next hour of the test, students constantly rubbed tired eyes while desperately glancing about the room to observe how their peers were doing.

Inevitably, it happened. A wild-eyed man catapulted from his seat, grabbed his test and ripped it to shreds with frustrated passion.

"This is all bullshit," he ranted. "This is an insult to us all."

He then rapidly strode from the room.

The rest of the test was uneventful.

At the conclusion of the exam, though, many students appeared close to emotional reactions themselves.

"I thought I would feel like partying once I got this over with," said Santa Clara student Jim McVie. "Here it is 1:30 and I'm completely drained. I'm going home to crash for 24 hours."

Sadly, this is only the beginning for those who "made it" by achieving a high mark.

As a University of Santa Clara law student commented outside the test room, "The LSAT, huh? If they think that's tough, they ought to get out now. Compared to law school tests, it's like a first grade reader."

Want to whip LSAT? \$300 class could help

By Jan Greben

For some nervous nellyes approaching the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), there are additional ways to bolster their score besides merely studying sample questions.

They can actually take a class which specializes in preparing students to earn high marks on the test — for a fee, of course.

A fee that, in most cases, is at least \$300.

One of the leaders of the "education bolsterers," as they call themselves, is the Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center, which can boast of 40 offices throughout the United States and overseas.

Kaplan claims some 20,000 students annually request their services, which nets the company a cool \$6 million before expenses.

Students' opinions on the value of the service varies.

"I tried it," said student Joan Andrews, after she had taken the LSAT last Saturday at the University of Santa Clara.

"I don't think it made a damn bit of difference."

"What it comes down to is how much each individual has learned throughout his life, rather than two months of Kaplan's cramming techniques."

To the contrary, University of Santa Clara senior Tim Aitken believed the service was "well worth the money."

"I feel it helped sharpen many skills that I wasn't aware I even needed help in," Aitken said. "\$300 is a lot of dough but when you look at how expensive law school is, in the long run it doesn't make much of a difference."

For the \$300, a student is enrolled in a class with about 20 other students and a tutor who has previously taken the exam.

The classes, taught in eight or 12 periods leading up to the test date, offer the students a large number of resource materials, including up to 50 hours of tape recordings and unlimited visits to the center before the test.

Additionally, psychological devices, used to increase the student's self-confidence, are often a part

of the lessons of the day.

The future of these services?

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FEATURES

ABC's Michaels makes the majors

By Gary Peterson
Al Michaels is one of the best young sports announcers to come along in many years. At 33, he has done play-by-play for two major league baseball teams, including the San Francisco Giants, and now applies his trade for ABC television.

Lee Grosscup was an All-American quarterback at the University of Utah in the late 1950s and the number one draft choice of the New York Giants in 1959. At 40, he is now one of the more competent athlete-turned-sports announcers in the country. Together they form the

announcing pair that worked last Saturday's SJSU-San Diego State game for ABC.
For them, the game started Friday, when they visited the SJSU campus and Spartan Stadium to meet the coaches, watch game films and practices,

and go through a rehearsal. "This is one of the better pressboxes we've been in this year," Michaels said as Grosscup did a better-than-average Howard Cosell imitation for one of the cameras.
"I'm talking about physical location," Michaels continued. "We did a game in Seattle two weeks ago and we were so high up it was like looking down from the Goodyear blimp."

A veteran of three years with both the Cincinnati Reds (1971-1973) and Giants (1974-1976), Michaels said the decision to switch to ABC was a tough one.

"Working with the Giants was great," he said. "The people at Golden West (Broadcasters) and KSFO were fantastic. There was no doubt that if I did baseball it would be with them, but after a while, baseball becomes like a pat gin hand."
The Menlo Park resident said working with

ABC announcers Al Michaels (foreground) and Lee Grosscup visited the Spartan Stadium press box Friday in preparation for last Saturday's game with San Diego State.

ABC has given him an opportunity to cover different events.
"Before ABC, I had never done a lot of sports like target diving before," he said. "I know a lot of people say 'poo-poo on that stuff,' but at least you get variety."
"I tell you what I really miss about doing the Giants is Lon Simmons. He

he makes "a little more (smile)" with the network.
Both admit working with Howard Cosell is an experience.
"Howard is an interesting person to be around," Michaels said. "There's never a dull moment when you're with him. I did a couple of baseball games with him this summer, and it was

admires most is NBC's Curt Gowdy.
"What I go on is how they treat me," he said. "Curt has been a good friend and confidante. I first met him in 1970 and had an opportunity to do the 1972 World Series with him."
"He discussed my move from Cincinnati to San Francisco at length with me, the pros and cons."

the same things with engineers talking about how good this one is and how bad that one is."
One exception Michaels makes is when discussing Detroit Tiger pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fidrych.
"I did a game with him this summer," Michaels said rolling his eyes. "If that kid has a future, it's on the mound, not in the booth."

"If Mark Fidrych has a future, it's on the mound, not in the booth."
--Al Michaels

and I had a great time working together. We're still great friends, and I still beat him at tennis twice a week."
Grosscup, despite his success in college, wasn't exactly hall-of-fame material in pros.

"I played seven years in the pros," he said, "with seven teams in four leagues. I made the United Airlines 100,000-mile club, not by design."
Although working for ABC (with 10 years experience, he's the network's senior color commentator), Grosscup has other professional interests as well.
"I'm also into modeling, acting and nutrition counseling," he said.
"Don't forget to mention he does the Channel 2 sports on Sundays," Michaels added.

Neither wishes to reveal their salaries with ABC, but Michaels admits

fun just hanging around him for a couple days."
"Some of the things he has to put up with are unreal, though," Grosscup said. "He takes a lot of cheap shots. It makes you wonder about the mentality of some fans."
"He always has to travel with bodyguards," Michaels said. "People make threats on his life no matter where he goes. He gets a lot of crap thrown at him in the booth."
"We walked out of Fenway Park (in Boston) after a game this summer. If we hadn't had bodyguards with us, there's no telling what would have happened."
Dubbed "Vin Scully Jr." because of his vocal resemblance to the Los Angeles Dodgers and CBS announcer, Michaels said one of the announcers he

As far as critically analyzing other announcers, Michaels steers clear of that.
"I don't like to get into that," he said. "Then you start saying things like 'I'm better than him, how come he's doing that game?' It really isn't helpful. You can go to Hewlett-Packard and find
As the two depart Spartan Stadium around 5 p.m., Michaels turns to ask a question of his interviewers.
"Did you guys know that Howard is going to be here tomorrow?"
Incredulous stares.
"Really, he is. No kidding. Howard Katz, our number two cameraman."



Hagar slacks in originality but he shows one good side

By Rick Cotta
Sammy Hagar's latest release, Musical Chairs (on the Capitol label), is a collection of songs meant to be played loudly. Very loudly.
It also provides a good chance to remember and think about some of your past favorites - since it sounds like most of Hagar's new songs are based on other people's old ones. Shades of the Doors, Fleetwood Mac, Steppenwolf, Bachman-Turner Overdrive, Led Zeppelin, Ten Years After and Pink Floyd color the entire musical work of art.
If you are like most people and play side one of a new record first, you will immediately notice the similarity I speak of. "Turn Up the Music" uses heavily amplified bass lines composed of usually no more than four or five notes. Shades of Bachman-Turner.
Moving right along, you will come to "It's Gonna Be All Right." When I first heard this song, I thought it was a remake of "The Wasp" from the Doors' classic L.A. Woman L.P. It wasn't. The tune quickly deteriorates into another punk-rockers' bread and butter, combining the best elements of rock'n'roll and the worst elements of "I can play something like that-itis."
So the story goes. "You Make Me Crazy" is Hagar's own version of Fleetwood Mac's "Out of My Head." "Reckless" is fast, loud, unimaginative, and composed of licks that Steppenwolf got tired of playing 10 years ago. You know, loaded with macho, good to listen to while cruising, drinking beer at a hole-in-the-wall or while driving to the Army Induction Center.
The last song on side one, "Try (Try to Fall in Love)" has to be musical satire. It is a "slow" song that just doesn't come across. The strings and horns sound contrived, Hagar demonstrates his incredibly limited vocal range, and the words register a negative 86 on the scale of profundity. (To Hagar's credit, he didn't write this one. Should be a lesson to him to be more productive.)
Actually, a line from "Try" sums up side one quite well - "Sometimes the music doesn't come out too well." It's the type of music you put on to get rid of unwelcome company, and is probably worth having just for that reason.
Side two is a different story. The music takes on a

much more original and creative tone while sticking to the basics of good "gut" rock. "Don't Stop Me Now" is loaded with well played leads, punctuated by a simple but adequate bass line and driving rhythm. "Straight From the Hip" continues in that vein, but adds a good chorus and meaningful lyrics. The feeling with which Hagar asks, "Ain't life a bitch kid?" is enough to make a grown groupie cry.
"Hey Boys" could have the makings of a definite A.M. hit, and just could be one already (who listens to A.M.?). The meaning isn't too hot, though, as Hagar sympathizes with youth impatient for change. "Change is gonna come," he promises over and over in the chorus. Sure.
By far the most precious gem in the collection is the last cut on side two, "Crack In The World." Good use is made of synthesizers, the tempo changes often, the words even almost mean something. The tune is in the Black Sabbath or even Pink Floydish spirit, but is done with enough originality and freshness of thought to make it a quasi-classic candidate. The only trouble is, even at 5:08, it is too short. They could have easily stretched it to 10 or 12 minutes and not been the worse off.
In fact, if they had filled most of one side with "Crack In The World," and put "Don't Stop Me Now," "It's Gonna Be All Right," "You Make Me Crazy," and "Reckless" on the other side, they could have had a killer album. All they get for this one, though, is a B-, thanks mostly to side two and the excellent overall musicianship. The band played tightly, and the studio did a good job mixing.
It's just too bad side one wasn't half as good as side two.

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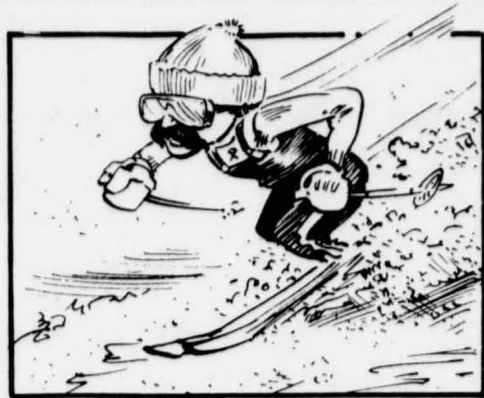
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Five places to schuss

There are basically two types of skiers—good ones and bad ones.

Good skiers are confident, fanatical even, and will jump at the chance of streaking down any slope. Bad skiers, meanwhile, are busy being concerned about what chair lift to get on hoping that they don't end up on some mountain they'd be better off rolling down.

Naturally, these two different types of winter athletes have varied criteria for picking a place to go skiing.

Dodge Ridge Bear Valley

By Mark Geyer

Dodge Ridge and Mt. Reba/Bear Valley are two Mother Lode ski areas that are perfect for the Bay Area novice or intermediate skier.

While the majority of advanced skiers prefer the more challenging Sierra resorts, like Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Heavenly Valley and Sugar Bowl, those skiers still developing form and gaining confidence are better off on the gentler runs of the foothills.

That's not to say Dodge Ridge and Bear Valley don't provide enticing runs for the better skiers. Both places have their share of steep, mogul-filled slopes. However, a good number of the runs are geared toward the intermediate skier.

Dodge Ridge, located 38 miles east of Sonoma on Highway 108, is the closest ski area to the Bay Area. The fastest way to go from San Jose is to start out heading north on Interstate 680.

About 35 miles later, head east on I-580 toward Tracy. Just after passing through Tracy, a turn-off to the right going to Manteca on Highway 120 is next.

From Manteca to Sonoma is a beautiful drive through the rolling hills of the western Mother Lode on a two-lane highway. Once in Sonoma, you have a choice to head east on 108 to Dodge Ridge or northeast on Highway 49 for 47 miles to Bear Valley.

At 6,000 feet, Dodge gets plenty of snow during a normal season to accommodate all six chairlifts from the first of December clear into March and occasionally April.

Probably the most attractive aspect of Dodge Ridge is its week-day lift prices. An all-day ticket is approximately half the cost of a weekend ticket at most Tahoe or Sierra resorts.

While being a little more expensive, Bear Valley is a nicer facility than Dodge because of its variety of runs, rental shop, dining places and lodge.

During mid-season, Bear can satisfy any skier from beginner to expert with its 10 chairlifts and two pulma lifts.

At the start and near the end of ski season, the bottom runs at Bear become too thin and rocky and are usually closed.

For those of you who have trouble affording lodging, Dodge Ridge and Bear Valley are perfect for one-day trips.

If you're into it enough to get up at 5 a.m., both areas can be reached by the time the lifts open at 9 a.m. After the lifts stop at 4:30, there's plenty of time to kick back at the lodge and let the crowds disperse.

On the road by six, you can stop at the many fine little restaurants in Sonoma, including the Europa and Rube's, and still be home in time to hit the sack by 11 p.m.

Although the really good skiers stay in cabins and ski a couple days at a time (that's how they get so good), fun, recreational skiing can be approached at a relatively inexpensive and low-keyed level.

Squaw Valley

By Penny M. Calder

For the skier who always wanted to hit the Olympic slopes, Squaw Valley, the host of the 1960 Winter Games, is the place.

Besides being the home of the

"Olympic Downhill," Squaw has a three-mile run primarily for intermediates, five peaks and 25 lifts including a 125-passenger cable car.

The North Tahoe resort brags the greatest variety in American alpine skiing.

For the expert it offers KT-22 challenge, the intermediate fun of Siberia, Shirley Lake, and for the beginners, the bowls of Granite Meadows and Gold Coast.

The longest run is The Mountain Run, extending from the 8,700-foot summit of Emigrant Peak to the 6,200-foot base on the valley floor, according to Squaw owner Alec Cushing. This run was the site of the Olympic downhill during the 1960 Winter Games.

Three months ago part of the Mountain Run was modified at the lower terminal of the Siberia Chair so beginners would have an easier time skiing to the base of Squaw, Cushing said.

The uppermost portion of the three-mile spin is wide-open bowl skiing. The swing past the Gold Coast area begins an easy run to the valley floor.

Cushing offers a few words of caution to the prospective Squaw Valley patrons.

NEVER attempt this run after 3 p.m. on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. It seems that every snowplow beginner, intermediate and advanced skier on the mountain simultaneously make their final run to the valley floor between 3 and 4 p.m. on the lower segment of The Mountain Run.

The traffic jam is tremendous. There are dozens of collisions and skiers are hurt as both the beginner and experienced tangle on the same slope.

Slide Mountain

By James Hooker

Slide Mountain, long one of Nevada's favorite ski spots, guarantees skiers excitement, adventure and a dose of leg fatigue.

Located 19 miles southwest of Reno and 11 miles east of Lake Tahoe, Slide Mountain offers two runs for both intermediate and advanced skiers, as well as three chairlifts, two surface lifts, snowmaking and night skiing.

The three-mile run, designed for intermediate skiers, drops smoothly from the top of Slide Mountain's 9,700 foot peak at Pioneer Chair directly to the lodge.

Skiers should leave the Pioneer unloading area to the left and take the High Road to the top of the Central Pacific. From there, they can ski past Bonanza to the top of John Fremont, and head down Fremont to Washoe Zephyr Bowl.

There, the skier can take one of several routes, and could head through the untracked powder in the trees or down a nice machine-groomed trail to the center of the bowl.

It's a short hop to the lodge from The Pass, Little Bowl and the Water Tank Road.

For the more adventurous skiers, the advanced run offers another mile of skiing and an additional 1,500 feet of slope by taking the Olympic Downhill Run below the lodge.

This course was the official alternate men's downhill race course for the 1960 Winter Olympics. A new chairlift has since been added to the run.

Whether you're an intermediate or advanced skier, one thing's for sure.

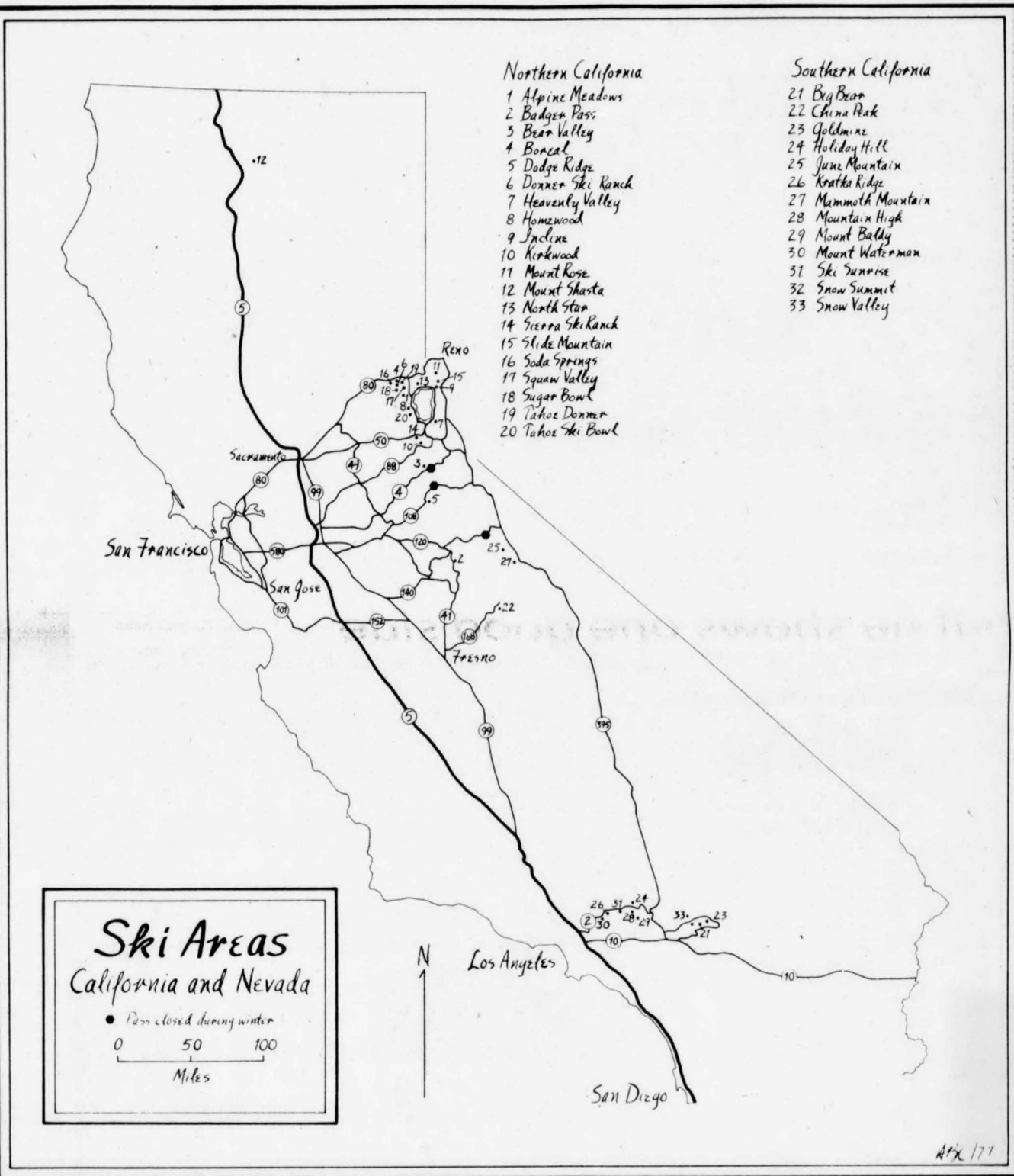
Slide Mountain offers enough slope and skiing conditions to excite just about everyone.

Mammoth

By David Willman

From breathtaking runs with vertical drops of more than 3,000 feet, to wide, panoramic alpine bowls, to lift lines with waits of more than 30 minutes, Mammoth Mountain offers a skiing experience distinct from that to be found elsewhere in California.

Located 325 miles north of Los Angeles via Highway 395, this eastern Sierra resort consistently has snow conditions superior to



those of points west and north.

Drought years excluded, the Mammoth snow pack is typically skiable until the Fourth of July (there was an eight-foot base in late May of 1975).

For those considering a Mammoth venture over semester break, be prepared for huge crowds from Christmas to New Years. Lift lines are often 20-30 minutes at this time and on most busy weekends.

The best way to avoid these long and sometimes freezing pauses is to head to the springly used back side of the mountain. From the top of Scotty's run, at the end of chair 13, one can view the towering 11-13,000 foot peaks of the Minaret Mountains to the immediate west.

The back side of the mountain is most easily reached by the beginning and intermediate skier from chairs 11 and 12, which are adjacent to the main lodge. The other way of reaching the area is from the top of the 11,063 foot extinct volcano.

The summit is reached by aerial tram, which is a thrilling ride. Interested persons should note, however, that extremely challenging terrain must be traversed to reach the back side, or any side of the mountain from this location.

The greatness of Mammoth is that it provides slopes of varying

difficulty. Those with advanced abilities will let the runs accessible from the summit test their skills. "Dave's run," "hole in the wall," "climax" and the "cornice" are regarded as the most difficult of the mountain.

Other areas of Mammoth well-suited for advanced and daring intermediate skiers are those reached by chairs one, three and five. Chairs three and five empty at the top of mogul-covered runs which drop into usually uncrowded alpine bowls.

Some of the best skiing is in these locations, but caution is advisable. In early January of 1976, two skiers were killed in these areas. Both were traveling at unreasonably fast speeds, and there was little snow to cover the jagged rocks adjacent to the runs.

Most of the terrain serviced by chair one is suited for intermediate skiers. However, there is one run, "gravy chute," which should be attempted only by the advanced. From this run one looks down on the main lodge, and further north toward Dead Man summit and June Mountain. June, incidentally, is a good alternative to Mammoth when the lift lines begin to jam. It is located 14 miles north off 395.

The most popular intermediate runs at Mammoth are those reached

by chairs one, two, four and six. Lift lines are longest for one and two; the best skiing is at two.

Unlike some ski resorts, beginners are welcomed at Mammoth. The mountain has the largest staff of instructors in the state, and many runs ideally suited for the most uncoordinated of novices.

Chair six, which serves "Judy's," "St. Moritz," "Gus' Pasture" and "Broadway," is the ideal chair for freshmen snow-goers.

Skiing Mammoth is an experience most interested in the sport will want to taste. The flavor is best during weekdays, when the Southern California-based multitudes are absent.

Heavenly

By Tony Bizjak

Overlooking the south end of Lake Tahoe and the glittering splotch of casinos and motels, sits the big mountain of Heavenly Valley Ski Area, still the largest winter ski paradise in North America.

You'll know it's big when you get to the ticket booth and pay \$12. No student discounts are offered.

Still, if you can forget that burning hole in your wallet, you will have fun. Heavenly offers myriad

Map by Bruce Coffland
ski runs, bowls, trails and skiways for all manners of skiers.

In a 20-square-mile area blanketed over two sides of a more than 10,000 foot mountain, lined with 25 ski lifts and more than 70 marked runs, it is very easy to get lost or lose oneself.

On the California side, in addition to a beautiful view of the Tahoe basin, skiers can choose from novice slopes such as the Groove, Patsy's and Maggie's all the way to moguled monsters such as Waterfall and Gunbarrel.

On the Nevada side, from the top of the mountain to the bottom is a distance of seven miles using several runs and bowls. Toiyabe Trail which etches the lower perimeter of the Nevada side, is an easy slope, surrounded by trees, serene and secluded.

To many minds, probably the resort's biggest asset, is what is adjacent to it, the casinos—Sahara, Harvey's, and Harrah's among the big ones.

One-half hour south of South Shore Tahoe on Highway 50 is a smaller (still pretty big), quieter ski area, with generally more snow than Heavenly Valley, called Sierra Ski Ranch. The ski ranch is certainly worth the drive if conditions are crowded at Heavenly or if the snow is poor.

SNOW BUSINESS

Tuning skis periodically can add years to pleasure

By Gary Wortel

"Periodic maintenance will save a person a lot of money," said George Green, service manager for Ski Any Mountain ski shop in Cupertino.

By taking proper care of your skis, you'll be able to use the ski for six to seven years easily," he added.

The most important aspect of a long lasting ski is keeping it well tuned, said Green said.

In tuning your ski regularly, Green mentioned that the only repair equipment needed are a P-Tx candle, file, scraper, wax, and a cork. Total cost for the supplies is under \$10.

Lifts unnerv skiers

By Terry Robertson
For the novice, the challenge of skiing is not in the five minute run down a snow-covered slope, but in mastering the art of climbing on and off those perpetually moving chairlifts which deliver

skiers to the tops of the runs.

First, getting on, if you can imagine, is much like relearning to potty train...on skis. You have to move fast to get to the chair on ski-laden feet which, for the beginner, are still somewhat unsteady, and you're never quite sure when your seat and the chair are going to come into contact.

In addition, you have to position your body properly, keeping one eye on the chair while juggling the poles in one hand, and readying to grab the chair with the other so as not to miss it completely.

Does this bring back any infantile memories?

Actually, a skier rarely misses the chair completely. But the experience can be rather disarranging.

There is nothing more embarrassing than going out to the slopes for the first time decked out in a down skiing outfit wearing Lanau boots and Kneisel skis - really looking cool - and totally losing it in front of 150 experienced skiers waiting in line for their turn at the chairlifts.

It's real tough on a potential skier's ego to hear the chuckles of those watching in line and the scowl of the chairlift assistant who more often than not acts like he or she has taken nice lessons from Idi Amin as you drop your poles and lose the bindings on your skis while scurrying to a safe position in the chair that is going to carry you up the mountain - all before you've taken your first run.

But that's not half of it. It is a relaxing ride to the top of the mountain. It gives you a chance to get yourself together both physically and emotionally. All you have to do is repeat to yourself as you reorganize your equipment. "Skiing is

fun...Skiing is fun..." At least that's how rumor has it.

But little do you realize the minor horror that lies at the end of this short joyride.

Reiterating what was stated earlier, these chair lifts move up and down the slopes perpetually. The only time they are stopped during skiing hours is if the chair lift operator notices something drastically wrong with a rider's

denly and somewhat unexpectedly reaches the top crest of the mountain.

At the point that you disembark from the safety of the chair, you find yourself on the top edge of a 10 foot knoll. At the bottom of that knoll, stand at least a dozen skiers waiting for their turn for the run down the slope.

There is little room for error at the bottom of that knoll and for the skier who has not yet fully ex-

perienced control after you have picked yourself up off the snow, snapped the ski bindings back on your boots and located and straightened your poles, you are now ready for an easy and relaxing run.

There is plenty of room, and etiquette and the observations by other skiers of your prior performance assures you that no one will likely get in your way.



equipment such as a missing or broken ski. Only then will the chairs be stopped, allowing the rider to get off, step aside, and make the proper adjustments.

But rarely does the operator notice or even care about the look of stark terror in the beginning skier's face as the chair, which up until this moment has been so comfortably carrying this skier, sud-

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Ski business drying up, too

By Kirk Heinrichs

For the last two years in California, not only has nature been on a dry spell, but so has the ski shop business.

With winters being hot and the ski market cold, one more year of sunshine could start an avalanche.

"If the drought continues this season, there could be a lot of shops that could go under," said Eric Plane, owner and manager of Helm of Sun Valley ski shop, 800 S. Bascom Ave. in San Jose.

"In the last two seasons our business has decreased about 20 percent each year.

Luckily we've been able to hold on or own."

He said if a store is expanding at the wrong time or a merchant is inexperienced, these are the shops that may not survive.

Heading the list of problems for shop owners is the "tremendous lack of new skiers," according to Plane.

"About one-third of our equipment is for the beginning skier," Plane said. "That market has tailed off about 50 percent."

He continued, saying that people are apprehensive about spending \$200 to \$600 on ski equipment and then not being

guaranteed a chance to use it.

"People have to have an end result," Plane said. "They are not speculators, they need that assurance."

The shop owner claims that it isn't really possible to know when winter is going to come, and when it does, just how much snow it's going to bring.

equipment is modified every year, like many businesses, shops have to reorder every year. This is proving to be economically dangerous as owners are forced to take a large profit cut on equipment that hasn't been used but is outdated.

"Sometimes it gets out of hand,"

"I can remember when I started skiing on Thanksgiving and could ski until the Fourth of July."

"I can remember when I started skiing on Thanksgiving and could ski until the Fourth of July," Plane said. "That was three or four years ago, though. You just never know."

Manufacturers don't seem to be affected by the drought. If they don't sell their merchandise one place, they will sell in another.

"Manufacturers operate coast to coast," Plane said. "What they lack here they usually pick up back East. With no snow out here more people go to the East to ski so they have no trouble selling stock. With the winter they had last year, everything was sold to the floor."

California is telling a different story though. Many companies are "crying rape" because of the inventory tax.

"Many companies have moved out of California to Reno because the inventory tax is mind boggling. It really scares the hell out of people," Plane said.

He explained that because ski

Plane said. "In the last couple of years, modification has been solely cosmetic rather than structural. But still prices rise and last year's model must be reduced."

Plane forecasts that winter this year will be better, but will still be sub-normal.

He also said that even if we didn't have a record breaking season, snow machines will pick up some of the slack.

These mammoth machines blow out water and compressed air which make snow. This is usually done at night when temperatures are low so the snow will freeze.

The machines cost from \$250,000 to \$1 million dollars and cost \$80 an hour to operate.

Plane thinks it could end dry winters in the future.

The machines, however, may not be needed this year as winter has begun with a boom-6000 skiers jammed the Lake Tahoe area this Thanksgiving vacation.

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Pioneer A dream comes true

By Kirk Heinrichs

In 1935, a new craze called snow skiing hit the small summer resort town of Sun Valley, Idaho.

Speculators took a chance and invested in a winter playground hoping to attract year-round tourist trade.

About 80 miles away, in the little town of Twin Falls, lived a 24-year-old man who perceived the future of his new pastime and proceeded to snowball his way to fortune.

Chuck Helm now 67, initial owner of Helm of Sun Valley Ski Shop on South Bascom Avenue in San Jose, told his story from his plush Saratoga home.

"When we got the news that they were building Sun Valley, a couple of us thought 'Hey, that sounds like fun.' So we decided to learn how to ski," said Helm.

Helm explained they really didn't know what they were getting into but within a couple of years he opened his first ski shop in Jackson, Wyo., a small resort town with a population of about 2,000.

"I think I taught all 2,000 of them how to ski," Helm said with a big smile.

"I had the first specialized shop there. Ski equipment was usually sold at the general store or the hardware store."

Equipment was very primitive and very dangerous.

"We didn't have bindings in those days, there was just a place to put your heel and a leather strap to put your foot in," Helm said.

Compared with today's fiberglass skis, the original model wasn't much better than a couple of two-by-fours.

"Skis were made from solid hickory and the cheaper ones from maple and pine," Helm explained.

"They didn't have metal edges either because they didn't need them."

Helm continued to say that the edges are used to grip the snow when it's packed, but in those days not enough people skied to pack the powder, so edges weren't needed.

The speculator then went from a small shop to a large one and from Jackson to Sun Valley as the sport became popular and Helm watched it mature.

Helm recalled the war years, when Sun Valley was used as a Naval convalescence center.

"Soldiers with battle fatigue or needing rehabilitation would be sent there for relaxation," Helm said. "Skiing was excellent therapy."

When the war ended, the boom started. At first skiing was strictly for the social elite, but once it caught on there was no stopping the landslide.

Soon competition increased and resorts were popping up like spring flowers as Helm started to plant a few seeds of his own.

When the pioneer retired in 1972, he had



In 1935, Chuck Helm opened this ski shop and was one of the pioneers of skiing in the west.

invested 37 years into six ski shops spread throughout northern California and Idaho.

While hacing the first ski shop in Sun Valley and one of the first in the United States, Helm's contribution to the sport in the West is considerable.

"I'm really happy with the direction skiing is heading," Helm said. "All the safety precautions and sturdy materials that are used for construction are engineered to perfection. It's really a science."

Helm realizes the cost of just the essentials can become staggering, but for the dollar value "you are getting your money's worth."

With high costs and no snow, Helm forecasts favorable conditions.

"The drought has hurt, but the enthusiasm will come back," Helm said confidently.

He thinks the ski shops will survive because people would rather confide in a specialist than risk their money in a department store.

The senior citizen says he's enjoying the retired life in the hills with his wife, as he kicked back in his easy chair wearing a tennis shirt and his best Puma tennis shoes.

Being one of the original "hot doggers," Helm said he still likes to ski, but doesn't go as often as he did when he was younger.

When asked if he has forgotten his "slick style," Helm replied with a cliché: "Skiing is like riding a bike. Once you've learned, you never forget."

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Skiing is phony not fun

By James Hooker

Ah, the season's upon us once again.

Ski slopes across the nation, once serene ice palaces, now become illuminated with multitudes of skin-tight electric orange snowsuits, as great hoards of boogified adventure seekers swarm over each other and mother nature's wonderland, determined to trample each other in a dazzling display of "hot dog skiing." (A nifty parlance for those who slide and fall, somehow making it appear graceful.)

What was once a relatively obscure sport, has now become a crowded, commercialized fashion plate.

No longer does skill command respect from snow bunnies, but rather how one looks when they slide their clumsy but decorative carcasses down the slopes.

Of course, the fashion is not the only attraction for skiers, for the ski lodges and schussing weekends seem to have replaced the classy uptown motels and smoke-filled nightclubs as the "Great American pick-up spot."

The skiing is running a poor second to the lodge activities.

Oh, and then there are the runs themselves, which occasionally attract the bunnies and bunnies away from the cozy fires and cuddly atmosphere, and up onto the hills, where they must muster their courage to follow each other back to the lodge in a colorful procession.

Back at the lodge, the swinging schussers stumble out of their massive, clumsy boots, and into cute and decorative argyle booties and sit around a fire exchanging inane conversation and sipping toddies. A truly touching American scene.

But I will take the dingy atmosphere of a crowded bar anytime.

True, both the skiing weekends and the crowded bars both smack of the same rat races which we strive to escape from, but it's just that the latter is less visually insulting.

I miss the "good old days" of skiing, the days of heavy sweaters and obscure runs, when money was not a prerequisite for a good time, and the crowded "family" image had not yet carried over to the sport of the schuss.

Now, entire families hit the slopes with costumes many times more blinding than the snow, with designs ranging from blue jackets to electric orange pants.

And topped off yet, with green boots.

On the street, or even in a punk rock show, such style might be called bizarre. On the slopes, it is proudly referred to as "fashionable," or "in."

It's all American, it's increasingly phony with a touch of comical histrionics thrown in, but it's...fun.

With the approach of the great season nearing, I can only stare fondly in my beer, and wish the multi-colored multitudes farewell.

Have a good time on the slopes and, to coin an old show-biz benediction, break a leg!

SNOW business

Snow carnival '78 travels to Oregon

Winter finally arrived and the fears of the SJSU ski buffs were dispelled as word of the first snowfall arrived.

The 1978 Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Associated Students, will journey to Mt. Bachelor, Ore., Jan. 8, and return Jan. 13.

On the first out-of-state Winter Carnival, participants will travel by Amtrak from San Jose to Klamath Falls, Ore., and then by bus to Sun River.

The fare of \$145 with a student body card and \$155 without includes an activity card, a Winter Carnival T-shirt, four nights lodging, five days of ski lifts at Mt. Bachelor and transportation to and from Mt. Bachelor and daily runs to the ski lifts.

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Women gymnasts travel to opener

By Brian Hoey

The SJSU women's gymnastic team gets its season underway Thursday when the Spartans travel to Sacramento to meet Sacramento State and San Francisco State at 7 p.m.

The team comes off a 5-7 season in 1976, but second-year Coach Lyn Cross feels her club has the potential to turn things around.

"We should be able to win the (NorCal) league this year," she stated flatly. "There are only four teams in it, and we look like the strongest. Stanford has a completely new team, and Fresno is...well, poor. Cal should be the only one that gives us any trouble."

Cross has had her charges on an intensive workout schedule since the first day of classes. The tumblers practice five days a week for three hours each day. Although not required, they also come in on weekends.

Cross is assisted by Steve Randall, a 24-year-old graduate of Southern Connecticut State College (SCSC). An All-American his junior and senior years, he is a former Eastern League champion and competed for the New York Athletic Club. Performing in the floor exercises, he placed sixth his junior year and third as a senior in the nationals.

Randall was lured to SJSU by Cross in September from his position as the assistant coach at SCSC. In the past he worked primarily with men, and finds a decided difference with women.

"It's harder. A lot harder. I don't think they

have enough determination to work at it like men do, and they know it. In men's gymnastics, I always wanted to work. And a lot of it was on my own. But it's different with them," he said.

Half the squad is new to SJSU, being either transfers or freshmen. Cross started with 27 candidates in September, but later cut to 14.

"It's a little on the large side, but a lot of them are new to college here, and scholastics could get in the way. It helps to have enough people for meets," she said.

San Jose sent three individuals to the regional meet last year. Gayle Yost, who is the top returnee this season, was entered in the all-around competition, but injured her shoulder on the double parallel bars and was forced to scratch. Kay Bumann and Kurt Wilcox also qualified for the meet, but failed to make the finals.

The best newcomer to the team is sophomore Cathy Santa Lucia, a transfer from Ohlone Community College. She has competed for the Almaden Valley Gymnastics Club "and is the most skilled of the new people," according to Cross.

"It's usually the younger people on the team that are the better skilled performers," Cross said. "Because of the phenomenal growth of gymnastics in the last five years, the kids coming up are better skilled than the older ones."

The NorCal championship will be decided on the basis of a double round-robin record. Due to the small number of teams in the league, more than half of the meets will be against non-league opponents. San Jose will host the league championships on March 3.



Marilyn Odello

Junior forward Earner Mays spent a lot of time above the rim in last Thursday's 81-80 overtime win over North Dakota. The Spartans play Colorado tonight in Boulder.

Swimmers turn in fast times at meet

SJSU's swim teams turned in some high-powered performances at a couple of low-key meets last weekend. Neither Coach Connie Roy's women nor Shone Azarfar's men were at full strength for their invitational swimfests, but both squads produced some outstanding individual times.

Sophomore breastroker Eileen Campbell had probably the weekend's most impressive swim, turning a 2:33.4 in the 200-yard breaststroke at the Stanford Invitational, the first time this season she has swum the event. National qualifying time for March's Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women championships is 2:29.39.

Campbell swam a 1:11.5 in the 100 breast, close to the national qualifying mark of 1:09.89.

"I think the next time Eileen swims the 200," Roy said, "she'll get the standard."

No awards were presented and no team points kept at the meet, it being primarily an opportunity to achieve national qualifying times.

"It was a good meet," Roy said. "We only had five girls there, and we didn't rest for it at all. We worked weights the day before. It was a good chance for the girls to get acquainted with the competition in the area, and it was competition, for sure."

A half-dozen Olympians swam at the Stanford meet, along with several nationally-ranked club, college and high school competitors.

Freshmen Larry Baratte, Bill Dugan and Craig Sihner were the highlights of the Spartan effort at the Far Western Invitational Relay meet at San Francisco State University.

Baratte, an individual medleyist, split a 53.9 for 100 yards of butterfly in the 300 fly relay and a surprising 1:05 in the 300 breast relay.

Dugan and Sihner turned 1:52s in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay, swimming on SJSU's "B" team.

"I'm really happy to find out that these two are that fast," Azarfar said. "It was my mistake not to put them in the 'A' relay."

In the final standings, four-time NCAA Division II champ Chico State took first, followed by Hayward State and SJSU.

"Hayward is no sweat - we can beat 'em easily," Azarfar said. "We had only 50 percent of our power out there."

Only 10 Spartans were at the meet, while the Wildcats and Pioneers each brought over 25 swimmers.

Azarfar said standouts Warren Schenstrom, Jack Albertson and Joe Lane are being held out of competition until their eligibility status is officially determined.

The Spartan women host Fresno State in the Women's Gym Pool at 5 p.m. tomorrow, while the men remain inactive until Dec. 16.

Cagers at Colorado to face Buffs tonight

By Mark Geyer

The Spartan basketball team invades Bulch Fieldhouse at the University of Colorado in Boulder tonight to face the Buffalos for the first time in the two teams' history.

Similar to the Spartan roster, the Colorado squad is dominated by underclassman with only one senior in the starting line-up.

SJSU, with a 1-1 record and coming off a 90-82 overtime win over North Dakota, took 10 players to Boulder including center Stan Hill, who is still nursing strained knee ligaments.

Colorado is 2-1, winning its first two games but is trying to forget about Friday night's rout at the hands of UCLA.

Leading the Spartan assault against Colorado will be senior Tracy Haynes, sophomore Wally Rank and junior Earner Mays. Haynes and Rank are both averaging 13.5 points in the first two contests with Rank coping high-game honors against North Dakota with 21.

Mays hit for 20 in the second half including seven of SJSU's 13 points in overtime. It was his three-point play to start off the overtime and an ensuing slam dunk that put North Dakota away Thursday at the Independence Fieldhouse.

Colorado is led by 6-8 center Larry Vaculic, like Haynes, the only senior in the starting line-up. Vaculic averaged almost seven rebounds a game for the Buffs last year while scoring 11.5 points per contest.

Junior guard Emmet Lewis is Colorado's biggest

offensive threat as he lead the Big-8 in scoring last year with a 19.6 point average. The other Buff starters are freshmen forwards Brian Johnson and Jack Tuz and playmaker Tony Ellis.

Spartan coach Ivan Guevara is still shuffling around his line-up in search of the most potent combination. His main concern so far is the younger players' lack of experience and poise in game situations.

Talented cagers like Ron Lowe, Geary McKoy, Sylvester Pritchett and Sid Williams all have outstanding ability but are still making basic mistakes, according to Guevara.

The coach contends that the younger players will eventually get over the jitters as the season progresses. There's no question that once they get used to game pressure, their ability will show.

Lowe netted 19 points against North Dakota and McKoy hit for eight points and dealt eight assists.

Defense helps ATO to intramural football title


Alpha Tau Omega, sparked by a stingy defense, blanked the Erectors, 8-0, to capture the Tuesday-Thursday intramural league football championships.

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of cabbages and kings

By Carol Sarasohn

Tis the Season to be Gay: Ed Samuels, the water polo coach, recently headed for the showers and ran smack into a couple of homosexuals having fun in the soap suds.

"Excuse me," Samuels said, flustered.

Later he commented to Bob Murphy, athletic director, "Why should I have been the one to apologize?"

I can sympathize with Ed. Before I became an aggressive, obnoxious reporter, I used to apologize to grocery clerks for overcharging and to men for stepping on my toes while we danced.

The next time you are caught in that situation Ed, I suggest you kick the guys in their rubber duckies. That'll teach 'em.

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Rumor has it that the Spartans were so pushed by their 37-34 loss to the Aztecs that they broke windows in the locker rooms with their helmets...so much for team sportsmanship.

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I know what I would like for Christmas that money can't buy...five minutes in the bathroom without one of my kids knocking on the door...or a night of sleep without my husband snoring.

Larry Gerston, Poli. Sci. assistant prof., said his wife would probably like a night without him snoring but "I don't believe I snore."

Larry said he would like a snow pack. I thought a snow pack is something you wear on your back to carry your lunch while skiing, but no...it's just enough snow so that "I won't ruin my skis or take my life while skiing."...Russell Ingold said he wants love...so did Rich Freedman...but then everyone already loves Rich. Fleetonia Summerville, a business senior who works in the bookstore, said she wants peace of mind...which must be a common desire this close to finals...Mary Carter, a history major in the Master's program who personifies the phrase black is beautiful, said she would "like family unity. I have five children and they all seem to be off doing their own thing," she lamented...a staff editor said he would like a "beautiful, loving, intelligent woman to live with"...and knowing him, he should get his wish...Jim Slaven, a handicapped student confined to a wheelchair, said he has everything he wants...I had thought he would say he wanted to walk again...have a great Christmas, Jim...you deserve it...Helen Chen wants "a peaceful semester break...but I have to work and I don't think it will be peaceful"...her sister Linda may find what she wants even if she's working...she is "hoping for personal peace"...and aren't we all?

Nuke power

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Proponents of both sides of the issues objected to the commission's appointment of him as being too favorable to their opposite side, he said.

The utility companies with their financial interests at stake were "very concerned", Anderson said.

"Every place we went there was a utilities person there to check on us," he added.

When the legislature hears the study's results the utilities will attack any unfavorable aspects, Anderson said, stressing the need for him to have a thorough grounding in the subject to back up his conclusions.

Anderson has not made up his own mind on a number of issues involved, he said.

"When is something acceptable?" he asked. He questions whether

he would open a repository for nuclear wastes now when the technology doesn't exist to close it.

However, he said, "We've got to be intelligent about it."

"I'd be stupid to say I'd turn off any energy source."

In the process of his study Anderson said he "took on the utilities which said regulations are unnecessary" and "took on the environmentalists who said nuclear power is bad."

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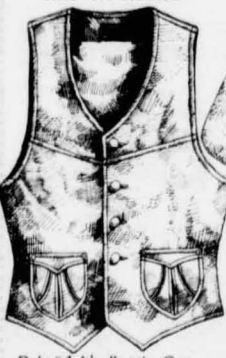
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Steve Wright--SJSU's political 'hipster'

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It worked--Wright's election victory was by the biggest margin in 13 years. He received 1,027 votes to only 381 for Nathan Price.

He wasn't completely happy with the win, though, as only 1,866 students cast ballots. That was the smallest number of voters to turn out for an A.S. election since 1957.

"I feel like I have my right foot in my mouth after that," Wright said shortly after his election. "I don't feel that I have a mandate from the student body to do anything."

Even without a mandate from the student body, Wright has been active in trying to improve the campus' parking and rape problems, according to A.S. Vice President Edna Campbell.

"If it wasn't for his tenacity, and some of us tagging along, we wouldn't have gotten the extra security," Campbell commented, referring to the increase in campus police because of the rape crisis.

"He's one of the most energetic people I've ever seen," said Campbell, describing Wright as a "workaholic" who spends too much time at his job.

Barozzi, the A.S. adviser since 1968, said Wright works harder than many of the other A.S. presidents he's seen.

"I think he's well above average," Barozzi said. "He's there early and stays late."

When asked if he is a "workaholic," Wright didn't have to hesitate before answering.

"There's no doubt about it, I'm an addict," he said with a half-smile.

The "addict" said he spends about 12 hours each weekday working on A.S. matters, and he rarely has a weekend completely free of student government.

Wright said the duties of his job have kept him too busy to enjoy taking part in his favorite leisure time activities.

When he has time, he enjoys playing tennis and reading periodicals. Among those he reads are the California Journal, the New Republic, the Los Angeles Times, the Wall Street Journal and "an occasional Playboy."

Wright also enjoys reading paperback books -- "anything from science-fiction to fantasy."

Another person who describes Wright as an extremely hard worker is Scott Plotkin, the legislative advocate for the California State University and Colleges Student Presidents Association.

"He might be running himself down and he doesn't know it," Plotkin said.

He added, though, that he has been very impressed with Wright's performance in the presidents association.

"You know how every organization has its formal leaders," Plotkin commented. "Well, Steve is an informal leader for us. A lot of us turn to him for a helping hand."

"One thing the guy is not is off-the-wall. His plans are always well thought out."

Although their political philosophies are quite different, Plotkin said Wright and former SJSU student president John Rico were similar in their ability to work hard and get along with people at the statewide level.

"They were both able to differ with people but still not be disagreeable," Plotkin said. "On the statewide level, Steve and John Rico were about the same. They were much more active than James Ferguson was."

He said Wright is sometimes the "self-appointed conscience" of the student presidents, and is kiddingly nicknamed both "the radical" and "the resident philosopher."

"I would say this year he's the most liberal of the student presidents," added Plotkin, referring to the "radical" nickname.

Wright has also impressed Phil Johnston, the

assistant state university dean for student affairs.

"I think Steve is a very bright, aggressive young man who identifies issues and goes after them," said Johnston, who is a liaison between the student presidents and the CSUC Chancellors' Office.

A.S. Vice President Campbell said Wright's intelligence has hurt him occasionally. She mentioned that sometimes earlier in the year he'd speak for an hour to the A.S. Council without giving the council members enough details to fully understand what he was saying.

"Steve just assumes everyone knows what he's talking about," she said. "Sometimes they don't."

Wright said he is pleased with his relationship with the council members, adding that there is no power struggle between him and them. There is mutual respect between them, he said.

Although Wright has vetoed some council actions, he doesn't think it has caused any resentment.

"I wouldn't be bummed if they overrode one of my vetoes," he remarked. "I wouldn't see it as a major power struggle."

Councilwoman Pam Wagner said she has been impressed with the performance of the student president.

"I think he's been a really good leader," she commented. "He's motivated council a lot. I think he cares about us as people. He takes the time to get to know us as people."

Wagner also noticed a change in Wright since he's become president.

"He never let you get inside him before," she said. "Now he opens up. When I first met Steve it was all jokes. It's not like that now. He still makes jokes, but now his serious side shows up, too."

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The move produced the most serious political division in the Arab world in years.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry summoned the diplomatic envoys of the four nations and gave them 24 hours to leave the country, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported.

It said Egyptian diplomatic officials in the four countries were instructed to return home "immediately."

Cairo's action came after the four nations and the Palestinian guerrilla movement, meeting in Tripoli, Libya, denounced Sadat's one-man peace campaign as "high treason" and said they would "freeze" their diplomatic and political relations with Cairo. Libya, on its own, had already broken relations with Egypt when Sadat made his visit to Israel.

Despite the harsh rhetoric, however, the anti-Egypt summit, at Syria's

insistence, had carefully kept the door open for renewed Geneva peace talks or other forms of negotiations with Israel, with or without Sadat.

The "hardliners" also had stopped short of declaring an irreparable break with Egypt.

Sadat said Sunday that the Soviet Union was behind the "rubbish" of the Tripoli summit and that Egypt could "punish" the

Russians.

Over the weekend, it was reported that Egypt was recalling its ambassador to Moscow, but there was no immediate indication whether Sadat was considering severing his already cool diplomatic ties with the Soviet Union.

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QUESTIONS:

Q: 1. The best water for beer comes from:
a) Big Duck Mountain.
b) Underground from Tijuana.
c) A small store in Macon, Ga.
d) None of the above

A: (d) No matter what you hear about "naturally pure" waters, virtually all brewers filter and further purify their water. But Schlitz doesn't stop there. They filter their water and then filter it again. So when they're through, it's purer than the purest springwater.

Q: 2. Klages and Firlbeck III are:
a) Composers of famous beer drinking songs like "I Left My Shoes in Heidelberg."
b) Owners of the world's largest unknown brewery.
c) Serving time in Sonoma, Calif., for impersonating Arnold the Wonder Seal.
d) More expensive barley.

A: (d) Schlitz blends Klages and Firlbeck III barley with the standard variety most brewers use because they believe it gives their beer superior flavor.

Q: 3. Hops are notorious for:

a) Their lack of intelligence.
b) Always getting to work late.
c) Losing their keys.
d) Being difficult to keep fresh.

A: (d) The freshest hops make the best beer. That's why Schlitz vacuum-packs and refrigerates their hops. So they're as fresh at brewing time as they are at harvest time.

Q: 4. The best adjunct to beer is:

a) Rice.
b) Corn.
c) Either rice or corn.
d) What's an adjunct?

A: (c) Every American brewer uses rice or corn to lighten the flavor of their beer. This is called an adjunct. But Schlitz knows how to use either grain interchangeably. So they're never at the mercy of an unfavorable crop. And neither is the taste of their beer.

Q: 5. The biggest misconception about yeast is:

a) Carrying some in your pocket is good luck.
b) It is good for hernias.
c) It was responsible for the fall of the Roman Empire.
d) To ferment beer, all you have to do is drop it in the vat.

A: (d) To make beer taste right consistently, Schlitz believes the yeast has to be evenly distributed during fermentation. That's why Schlitz gently stirs in their yeast. It's part of their Balanced Fermentation process. And they're the only American brewer who does it.

Q: 6. Chill-Lagering is:

a) A popular German country and western singer.
b) A Scandinavian winter sport played without clothes.
c) A new ethnic TV comedy about the owner of an ice cube factory.
d) The right way to age beer.

A: (d) When Schlitz ages beer, they age it cold--very cold--down to 29.5 degrees. It's called Chill-Lagering. And it's what makes Schlitz crisp, clean and bright.

Q: 7. A mini-brewery is:

a) Hidden in a basement somewhere in Greentown.
b) The result of trying to make Broken Toe, Idaho, the beer capital of the world.
c) The right way to pretest beer ingredients.
d) Both (a) and (c)

A: (c) Schlitz has a mini-brewery where they test-brew the quality of the ingredients that go into Schlitz--before they go into Schlitz.

SPECIAL BONUS QUESTION:

Q: True or false, the one word for beer is Duffelbrau.

A: False. There is no beer called Duffelbrau. Just as there is no beer like Schlitz. If you answered this question true, perhaps you should look into turkey ranching.

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